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Transmitted by email

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Continental Board of Counsellors
in Asia

Dearly loved Co-worker,

Thank you for providing us with a copy of your email dated 9 June 2007 in which you forward to the National Spiritual Assembly of India a report on the Covenant-breaking activities in the Ahwa Cluster in Gujarat. With respect to the recent distribution of questionable materials at a reflection meeting, we wish to share with you the following guidance.

The first step in dealing with the situation should be to assess, with the assistance of the relevant Auxiliary Board members, the extent to which the Covenant-breaking material has been distributed and how much, if at all, the friends have been affected by it. Following such an assessment, we request that you consult with the National Assembly about the possibility of sending a communication to the relevant State Bahá'í Councils, asking them to warn the Local Spiritual Assemblies in their jurisdictions about the actions of these supporters of Covenant-breakers.

In those places where believers may have been affected by the Covenant-breaking material, the Auxiliary Board members for Protection should be advised to organize deepening sessions on the Covenant for those individuals who have had contact with such material. A selection of the documents distributed at the conference for Auxiliary Board members may be used for this purpose. The friends should remain vigilant in only accepting material from institutions and agencies of the Faith. In the event that they receive items from other sources, they should send them to an Auxiliary Board member without opening them.

Please continue to keep us informed as new developments occur and be assured of our prayers in the Holy Shrines for the protection of the Cause in Gujarat.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

The International Teaching Centre

cc: Board of Counsellors in Asia